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SB 51

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TO: Arlene Becker, Chair
Members
Human Services Committee
Montana State Legislature

FROM: Richard L. Smith, PT

RE: SB51 (Clarify responsibility of healthcare practitioners to patients)

I am writing to ask for your support of SB51.

This bill is a good bill. When medical practitioners refer to themselves for diagnostic or therapeutic services, there is a financial conflict of interest. The referring practitioner is potentially referring to himself/herself, for financial gain. The patient deserves to know this financial conflict exists, and should have a choice of healthcare providers and facilities for these services. This conflict of interest should be disclosed by the provider to the patient.

Thank you.